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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. ISRAELI MINISTER SHALEV CALLED DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON MORNING APRIL 15 TO "STATE THE OBVIOUS": THAT GOI ASSUMES THAT IN THE SPECIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED BY LEBANON THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL MAKE AN APPROPRIATE STATEMENT AND WILL WORK TO PREVENT A ONE-SIDED, ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION. ATHERTON ASSURED SHALEV THAT WE WILL OF COURSE WORK TO THAT END. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHAT TACTICAL SITUATION WE WILL FACE.

2. SHALEV SAID HE HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP PUT THE ISRAELI ACTION INTO ITS PROPER CONTEXT. ATHERTON REPEATED OUR INTENTION OF WORKING FOR A BALANCED OUTCOME BUT NOTED THAT THUS FAR WE REALLY DO NOT KNOW WHAT OUR PRECISE TACTICS WILL BE BECAUSE WE CANNOT SEE NOW WHERE THE EVOLVING SITUATION WILL LEAD. ATHERTON ADDED THAT HIS
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OWN INTUITION, BASED IN PART ON DISCUSSIONS WITH USUN

PERSONNEL, IS THAT THERE PROBABLY WILL BE NO RESOLUTION
TODAY. ATHERTON POINTED OUT THAT WE MAY PREFER TO HOLD
OFF SPEAKING UNTIL WE CAN SEE THE SHAPE OF THAT TO WHICH
WE WILL BE SPEAKING. ATHERTON REPEATED THAT WE WILL WORK
FOR BALANCE BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW SUCCESSFUL WE
CAN BE. RUSH

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